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# USDA CLUB NEWS

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## USDA CLUB NEWS WILL RUN FREE ADS

As a service to the employees it was decided at the Board of Directors meeting held on May 10th, upon recommendation of the Committee on Correlation and Public Service to run a column of "Want Ads" in the USDA Club News free of charge.

Frequently articles of value are lost and found, employees have rooms to rent, some may desire roommates or to rent an apartment, perhaps sell used furniture or other items.

Should you have occasion for this service address your ad to Mildred Yeager, Editor USDA Club News, Room 317, 1114 Commerce Street Dallas 2, Texas. You may sign your name or give your telephone number or street address for reply.

Ads will be accepted for the next issue of the USDA Club News. This service is for employees only.

## JUST THE OPPOSITE

Latham White: "I've been misbehaving and my conscience is troubling me."

Doctor: "I see, and since I'm a psychiatrist you want something to strengthen your will power?"

Latham White: "No, something to weaken my conscience."

## LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED 35 EMPLOYEES

Dan Braun, Speaker

The annual Length of Service Awards Ceremony for employees of the Department of Agriculture of the Dallas area was held in Sanger Bros. Auditorium on Main Street May 16th at 3:15 p. m.

The occasion which commemorated the 88th birthday of the Department of Agriculture, which began as an independent Government agency in 1863, represented the largest and most outstanding event in the history of the USDA Club. 600 employees from a total of approximately 700 were present. William F. Farrell, President USDA Club, was Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Farrell introduced Mr. Dan Braun, Office of Personnel, USDA, Washington, D. C., who delivered an inspiring address. His subject was "Work" which he analyzed in a very pleasing manner.

Mr. Braun stressed the importance of employees knowing their jobs, of desirable working conditions, of the value of cooperation, and of loyalty. "These things make a person happier in his work and cause him to have more love for his Department," he said. He stated, "Confidence must be inspired in the heads of our branches, in the leadership of our superiors, in each other and in the effectiveness of our organization, in order to obtain the best results in our work, which makes every job important to the welfare of our country."

A high point of the program followed Braun's speech when he was presented by President Farrell, a Certificate of Temporary Texas Citizenship which also entitled him to be addressed as "Tex" while such citizenship lasted. Mr. Braun was very appreciative. (Continued on page two)

## POLIOMYELITIS INSURANCE TIME LIMIT IS EXTENDED

The Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company has agreed to extend the time limit for receiving applications for poliomyelitis insurance to June 15, 1950

If you wish to take advantage of this protection

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BUREAU DISCOVERS  
RICE CROP OUTLET

Did you know that the Department of Agriculture has developed a new snack food from rice? "Rice Curls," a new snack food prepared from ground rice, looks like a good seller and will provide an outlet for our rice crop.

"Rice Curls" were developed by the Western Regional Research Laboratory of the Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry at Berkeley, California.

The product will compete with potato chips, corn chips and related foods.

This new food is produced by mixing ground rice with hot water to form a paste which is forced through small round openings. The resulting "Curls" are cut in about 3-inch length, fried in vegetable oil, salted and packaged.

CAUTION TO EMPLOYEES

It has been reported to the Employee Welfare Committee USDA Club of which Miss Anna L. Tydings is chairman, that some employees had asked for the 10% discount to which the USDA Club members are entitled on furniture and some other articles to be retroactive to the time they made purchases on accounts entered before the discount agreement was made.

Requests for retroaction might jeopardize opportunities for all employees in the future, so it is called to the attention of the Club Members that no discounts to which they are entitled are retroactive. It is hoped that new discounts may be arranged in the near future.

Awards consisting of Certificates and pins for 10 years of faithful service were presented by L.J. Cappleman, State Director FHA, to Kate C. Moore and Vestal E. Tunnell of the FHA State Office.

William J. Watson, Area Management Officer, presented 10-Year Awards to John A. Hamann, Dairy Branch; and Earl T. Etter and Ralph F. Hoeser of the Area Management Office, PMA. He then presented Royce K. Banks of PMA Commodity Office Personnel a 10-Year Award and vacated the chair for Mr. Banks, who in turn presented 10-Year Awards to Stephen G. Benit, Jr., Leona H. Bills, Margaret M. Cox, Lucille O. Dickey, Asa C. Douglas, Kenneth C. Duggin, Bernard B. Levy, James B. Lyon, Beecher B. Terrell, and Edith M. West of PMA Commodity Office.

O. H. Spung, Area Finance Manager, FHA, presented 10-Year Awards to Grace E. Chappell, James P. Dillion, Lester F. Hatch, James E. Viator and Luella Wilkie.

John J. Slaughter, Area Supervisor FDP Branch, PMA, presented 10-Year Awards to Thurston A. Blakeley, Dan L. Boyd, Price Cross, Christine Duncan, Geno E. Good, Wynn S. Goode, Harris H. Richard, and Raymond J. Totoro.

Carl E. Schlossstein, Assistant Chief Auditor, PMA presented a 10-Year Award to Joseph H. Carjaval.

L. J. Cappleman, State Director FHA, presented the only 20-Year Award at this time to W.H. Burkes, Farm Ownership Division Chief. Mr. Burkes gave a fitting acknowledgment to the Club on behalf of all employees receiving awards.

Joe W. Cooper, FHA State Office; John Ellis, Area Finance Office; and William H. Campbell, Jr. and Henry C. Goodpasture of PMA Commodity Office who were entitled to 10-Year Awards were unable to be present.

Julane S. Smith led the group in singing "America" as a fitting close to the inspirational program.

Poliomyelitis Insurance Opportunity, Cont'd.

Please be sure to forward application and check or money order payable to the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company to Miss Anna L. Tydings, Chairman, Employee Welfare Committee, 405 U. S. Terminal Annex, Dallas 2, Texas.

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WHY A WILL?

By Lee P. Pierson

## I. What happens if you leave no will?

(a) Property descends according to the laws of Descent and Distribution, requiring administration of the estate and the appointment of an administrator by the court; (b) In case of minor heirs, a guardian must be appointed; (c) No sale can be made of real estate without establishment of a muniment of title in survivors; (d) unnecessary confusion and worry by the survivors as to status of the estate and necessary action to be taken to establish title that is marketable; (e) All attended with a greater expense than probating a will.

## II. What if you leave no will?

(a) You name your own executor; (b) If necessary, as in case of common disaster of husband and wife as testators, they may appoint the guardian of the person and estate of the minor children in the will; (c) The probating of the will establishes the muniment of title to real property which will enable the surviving heirs to make sale or defend the title to the estate; (d) The status of the estate is fixed, causing no confusion or worry to the surviving heirs; (e) The expense is much less, as you may provide in the will that no action shall be taken except proof of the will and filing list of claims and an appraisement.

III. A will properly prepared by a lawyer can do good, one improperly prepared--or no will at all--can do irreparable harm. Do not hesitate to ask your lawyer the legal effect of any provision placed in the will to the end that it properly reflects your wishes.

A.B. JOLLEY, DALLAS CO. AGENT  
RECEIVING SUPER SERVICE CERTIF.

Alfred Bailey Jolley, Dallas County Agricultural Agent for twenty-nine years, was among the outstanding employees of the Agriculture Department, five of whom were Texans, to be called to Washington, D.C. to receive Super Service Certificates.

Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan, presented the awards and Vice President Alben W. Barkley praised the employees for their contributions to agriculture. The ceremony was held on the Washington Monument grounds.

Mr. Jolley won his superior service award "for his contribution to rural life through successfully advocating scientific farming, training young ex-

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GUAVA FOR BABY

University of Miami researchers analyzed the tropical guava fruit, found it high in Vitamin C, and are experimenting with a puree that seems promising as a baby food and may also be worth serving to adults.

SIZED POTATOES

Housewives awaited potatoe graded according to new Government standard for "uniform size to the package," so that all "spuds" can finish cooking at the same time. Maine packers were first to use the new grading system.

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

The offer to have your will legally prepared free of charge in the office of our Club President, William F. Farrell, is still good. Call R 6951, Sta. 508.

Due to the fact that employees have shown so much interest in the service provided for the writing of will free of charge, a number of employees have asked question regarding the advantages of having a will. As a further service, Lee P. Pierson, Attorney of the Solicitor's Office, was asked to clarify such questions in his article of this issue.

OUR YEARS

We should not count our lives by years

But by accomplishments and deeds,

The way we spend our leisure time;

And grounds we've covered with good seeds.

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FEDERAL CHORAL CLUB  
TAKES VACATION

There comes a time in everyone's life when he feels the urge for some excitement.

After reading about a flight to "Mexico - The Land of Enchantment," a delightful cruise to lovely French Canada, fishing in crystal clear mountain lakes, and an air cruise to "Ray-Romantic-Torrid Havanna, Cuba," the Federal Choral Club has decided that now is the time to take a vacation.

The Club will meet again this fall.

In reply to our invitation to all Federal Agencies to join with us, the following letter was received from Mr. R. E. Shepherd, District Director, Federal Housing Administration:

"We have your very nice letter of May 9, and we will see that the personnel in this office gets the information concerning the organization of a Glee Club.

"We like the idea very much. One of the young ladies in our office has already joined, and we hope that we will be able to furnish you with other people who are capable and willing to sing.

Jolley, etc., Cont'd.

tension workers, and developing farm demonstrations to

Wise County Dairying Big Success

O. Roy Brown, County Supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration in Wise and Montague Counties, received a Superior Service Certificate and Silver lapel pin which were presented to him in Washington D. C., following a summons to Brown.

The principal address at the awards ceremony was made by Vice President Alben W. Barkley, who praised the contribution being made to the Nation's agriculture by employees such as Mr. Brown. Seventy other employees of agricultural agencies received similar awards, ten of them from Farmers Home Administration.

Through Mr. Brown's influence one of the most successful dairying operations in the entire state has been built. He was instrumental in bringing in the first registered Jersey bulls in Wise County, organizing a County Jersey Cattle Club, many of whose members now belong to the National Jersey Cattle Club.

There are now 300 Grade A Dairymen in the county 150 of whom were originally financed by Farmers Home Administration program. There have been no failures and there are no delinquent accounts - a testimonial of the successful methods that Brown has put into effect with the dairymen.

He built the philosophy that the dairy cow is the basis of all wealth on Wise County farms. The Wise County Jersey Cattle Club is made up of Farmers Home Administration borrowers and through its influence where only one market for milk existed in Wise County in 1940 there are now nine firms purchasing milk valued at 3 million dollars.

Borrowers' butterfat record is an indication of the value of the Jersey Cattle Club to its members. The average butterfat per cow for Wise County is 156 lbs. The average butterfat per cow for FHA is 342 lbs.

A native of Weston, Texas, Brown began his service with predecessor agencies of the Farmers Home Administration in 1935.

provide increased farm income."

He has been instrumental in organizing the Dallas County Artificial Breeding Association, North Texas Farm Bureau Dairy Association, Dallas County Purebred Livestock Association, Dallas County Purebred Seed Association, and the Dallas County Improvement Association.